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## IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

### SS-16/-20 EQUIPMENT AT POSTAVY MOBILE IRBM BASE AND POSTAVY SSM TRAINING FACILITY, USSR

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[redacted] has revealed significant details of SS-16/-20 equipment at Postavy Mobile IRBM Base (Figure 1), USSR, and Postavy SSM Training Facility, which is approximately 2.5 nautical miles southwest of the mobile base.

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[redacted] An SS-20 missile canister was identified for the first time at the Postavy mobile base [redacted]. Although it was observed earlier [redacted] the canister could not be identified because of the obliquity and interpretability of that imagery [redacted] the canister has been on the launch pad beside the SS-4 erector for nearly a month, suggesting that the canister is probably empty.

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[redacted] Analysis of [redacted] the previously identified SS-16/-20 transporter-erector-launcher (TEL)/resupply vehicles at the SSM training facility (Figure 3) indicates that the two vehicles are distinctly different. One of the vehicles is a confirmed SS-20 TEL vehicle carrying [redacted] load simulator similar to the one observed at Kapustin Yar Missile/Space Test Center [redacted]. This six-axle vehicle measures [redacted] long and, including the load simulator, 4.0 meters high. The other, partially canvas-covered, six-axle vehicle remains unidentified. That vehicle, measuring 17.0 meters long and 3.0 meters high including a rectangular lattice-type load simulator, is 2 meters longer than any previously observed SS-20 vehicle. Although the function of the vehicle cannot be determined at this time, there are two possibilities. The unidentified vehicle may be a piece of SS-16/-20 equipment which has not been seen previously, or it could be an SS-20 resupply vehicle (longer than previously estimated). An SS-16/-20 electronics-associated MAZ-543 missile support vehicle was also observed, in an adjacent area (Figure 4).

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[redacted] All of this equipment, as well as a barleycorn-type resolution target (Figure 5), has been at the SSM training facility during the same timeframe, indicating that this equipment could be related to a possible Soviet reconnaissance test.

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[redacted] Postavy is in Belorussia in the western USSR.

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| GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES |                         |              |  |
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| 55-07-21N 026-53-05E   | (SSM Training Facility) |              |  |
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